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**Senators press Trump deputy EPA pick at
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...ago the U.S. imported most of its oil and natural gas. But the rise of fracking and horizontal
drilling have made the U.S. an energy...



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...like they're being supported by the president, but the president has an opportunity here to
prove that support," Iowa farmer Dave Walton...



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...products are completely cured before being sold. According to the U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency (EPA), completely...



EPA Regulations to Watch

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There are several regulatory proposals pending at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(EPA) that will directly...



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...operation from Minneapolis to Becker last year after the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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Other agencies, such as the Social Security Administration and the Environmental Protection
Agency, have loosened telework...



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...of Veterans Affairs is looking for at least 10 people to help with the agency's ongoing
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...the Trump administration to withdraw a rule that would roll back a bedrock environmental
law, arguing the proposal is "unlawful,...



**Daily on Energy: It's looking pretty grim for
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bill**

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...has no immediate plans to issue a proposal to expand offshore oil and gas drilling. "On my
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...sailed from Martha's Vineyard to Key West, spending many fun hours on the Chesapeake Bay. He lived his life striving always to be honest,...

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NBA postpones Jazz-Thunder game, Utah forward Rudy Gobert ill

03/12/2020

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...circumstances the game has been postponed" before asking fans to leave Chesapeake Bay Arena. The announcement came about 30 minutes...



Community Calendar

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...Rd. This event will be run in conjunction with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's Annual Project Clean Stream and American...



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...of Maryland's natural resources and the protection and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. From a network of laboratories located...



2020 Delaware Fishing Guide available now

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...the 2020 Delaware Fishing Guide. The new fishing guide is free from DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife online, at licensing agents...



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Trump, EPA to Appeal Ethanol Blending Decision – Advanced BioFuels USA

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(Kallanish Energy) President Donald Trump and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have agreed to appeal a federal appeals...



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Death Notice: Rhoda Ann Barry

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...to explore Baltimore, enjoyed theater trips, a memorable day sailing on Chesapeake Bay, and dining out at restaurants where she was always...



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LAWMAKERS, WATERMEN, AND ADVOCATES SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO STOP MARYLAND'S CONOWINGO DAM SETTLEMENT WITH EXELON

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...options when it comes to our ongoing restoration efforts of the Chesapeake Bay." "As representative of the Eastern Shore, my...



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The oil industry doesn't want to be bailed out by Trump

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...all segments of the industry. That includes oil supermajors involved in fracking such as ExxonMobil and Chevron, shale drillers like...



A boom is better than a bust

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...week offered a bill that would ultimately ban hydraulic fracturing — or fracking — in America by 2025. Unlike a year ago, Rep. Darren...

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Global Heat Exchangers Industry

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NBA Suspends Games Until 'Further Notice' Amid Coronavirus Outbreak

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...the game has been postponed." The announcer went on to ask fans to leave Chesapeake Bay Arena. The decision to suspend games comes...



New identities for old towns

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...eateries, pubs and lodging places, thereby complementing the natural gas fracking and coal mining industries that still exist here. It...



Quarantined at home

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...pandemics: poverty, hunger, inequality, the fossil-fuel economy, corporate pollution, populist xenophobia and anti-globalism. On the...



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...operations will be eliminated. This impact is equivalent to removing air pollution produced by over 445,000 miles of driving annually or...



US Navy Veterans Mesothelioma Advocate Has Endorsed Attorney Erik Karst of Karst von Oiste to Make Sure a Navy Veteran with Mesothelioma in any State Receives the Best Compensation Settlement Result

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...the best possible financial compensation for this rare cancer caused by asbestos exposure as we would be happy to discuss anytime at...



Attorney's supposed conflict of interest at heart of landowner's suit against Range Resources

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...a legal agreement he made with Range 12 years ago." Range currently has a Marcellus shale well pad on Kopko's 117-acre property,...

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	...at attacking the impact of stormwater management regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency...				
	Officials award 2 grants to townships	03/11/2020	<i>Sentinel Online, The</i>	Text	View Clip
	...morning in Mifflintown. The commissioners awarded competitive, one-time Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund grants to Fayette Township and...				
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	Luzerne County will not pursue 'rain tax' litigation	03/11/2020	<i>Standard-Speaker Online</i>	Text	View Clip
	...Trump, asking him to rescind the 2010 executive order that authorized a pollution-reduction mandate that led to the fee. No "rain tax"...				



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With asbestos removal complete and painting underway, one big question now surrounds the ongoing makeover of Steamtown National Historic...



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...total fertility rate (TFR) globally. Growing stress levels, escalation in pollution levels, modern lifestyle with increase in alcohol...



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...have cut ties with Colcom. Pittsburgh area-based Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP) and Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health...



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...universe of control alternatives available. iPOP works directly with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's...



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...is estimated to potentially achieve as much as a 42% net reduction in carbon emissions, a 48% net reduction in sulfur oxides emissions and...



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Lynn puts \$200 million sewer project out to bid

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...which are prone to heavy flooding during major rain events. The Lynn Water & Sewer Commission (LWSC) is soliciting bids from...



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...a mainstream concept," said Charles Lee, a senior policy advisor at the EPA, on a panel at the recent Michigan Environmental Justice...



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...period, 2019-2029. Stringent government norms to address industrial pollution is likely to propel the usage of activated charcoal...



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...trend toward consumption of cleaner fuel, owing to concerns about air pollution and global warming. Hence, the share of the gas in...



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...them when it comes to protecting animals from poachers, habitat loss, pollution, and climate change. They're now hoping, though,...



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...participation of women. Additionally, worsening quality of air, water pollution, and growing concerns about environmental...

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









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...the barrier between wayward cars and houses as well as increase noise pollution. Suggestions provided by the neighbors, Nucci said,...

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THE SENATE ENERGY BILL IS IN SHAMBLES: The Senate's big bipartisan energy bill could be dead in the water, at least for now.

Prospects for advancing the bill — which could be the most comprehensive update to energy law in a dozen years — are looking pretty grim after it failed two procedural votes Monday night. Even as the bill's sponsors, Senate Energy Committee Chairwoman Lisa Murkowski and West Virginia Democrat Joe Manchin, vow to keep fighting, the path forward isn't exactly clear, especially as senators are refusing to budge unless certain amendments get a vote.

"It is kind of a foul day," Murkowski said during remarks at a committee hearing Tuesday. She said the bill is "stalled out" because of disputes wholly unrelated to the broader energy package.

"It makes me wonder why we work so hard around here if the purpose is going to be just to tank good committee work," she added. "I am not in a particularly good mood."

Murkowski isn't the only one who's angry: Senators arguing over whether to allow a vote on a bipartisan amendment to limit greenhouse gas refrigerants say they aren't giving up the fight. Senator Chuck Schumer, the top Democrat in the chamber, said Monday before the vote that Republican leadership was blocking a vote on the amendment, which he said was vital to address climate change.

The amendment's Republican co-sponsor, Louisiana Senator John Kennedy, was the one leading the charge to vote "no" Monday night, Schumer noted in remarks Tuesday morning.

The main objection to the coolant amendment has come from Senate Environment Committee Chairman John Barrasso, whose committee the refrigerant legislation would pass through in normal process. He's accusing Kennedy and his co-sponsor Senator Tom Carper, the top Democrat on the environment panel, of trying to "airdrop" their bill into the broader energy package.

"The idea of having committees is to vet ideas," Barrasso said in a statement. "They chose to bypass the committee

process and ignore some of the suggestions or have not yet accepted some of the suggestions that I think would help improve it.”

The White House has also voiced its opposition to the coolant language, though Trump administration officials haven't explicitly threatened to veto the broader energy bill if the amendment is ultimately included.

But is the coolant amendment really the main roadblock? As Schumer noted in his remarks Tuesday, 13 Democrats still voted to advance the bill, despite the fight over the refrigerant amendment. “So if he had had his Republican troops together, he might have been able to pass it anyway,” Schumer said of Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Nonetheless, out of the 16 Republicans who voted “no” in the first procedural vote, only one other co-sponsor of the coolant bill — Kansas Senator Jerry Moran — joined Kennedy. Even McConnell voted to halt the broader bill.

“I’m certainly not blocking any bipartisan amendments,” McConnell said Tuesday on the floor. “What is really happening is that the Democratic leader is moving the goalpost,” he added of Schumer demanding a vote on the coolant amendment.

But McConnell also appeared to give a warning shot to other senators, too, to resolve their differences.

“It hadn’t suddenly become controversial overnight,” he said. “Everyone knows there are plenty of outside issues that senators do not agree on. We should let ourselves agree on what we agree on.”

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US OIL INDUSTRY URGES CALM AMID SIGNS OF ESCALATION IN OIL PRICE WAR: Saudi Arabia moved on Tuesday to fulfill its pledge to flood oil markets with low-priced crude, which could cause further turmoil to shale producers already unsettled by low prices and falling demand from coronavirus. But U.S. oil trade groups are urging calm, and resisting the prospect of receiving emergency aid from the Trump administration.

“We are not in discussions with anyone in the administration at this time on any type of program for the industry,” said Mike Sommers, the CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, in response to a question from Josh Monday on a press call. “We believe we shouldn’t be reacting to one day of a market downturn.”

Anne Bradbury, CEO of the American Exploration & Production Council, representing large independent oil and gas companies, said, “the long-term demand outlook remains strong” and companies have planned for “short term disruptions in the market.”

The state of the markets: U.S. stocks rallied at opening Tuesday, recouping some of Monday’s losses after President Trump floated a payroll tax cut to stimulate economic growth against the coronavirus.

Oil prices rebounded from losses Monday as well, with crude oil trading 7.87% higher as of Tuesday morning.

This comes as Saudi Arabia, the world’s biggest oil exporter, confirmed Tuesday it plans to supply a record 12.3 million barrels per day in April, well above current production levels of 9.7 million barrels per day.

Russia, according to Bloomberg, quickly pledged to retaliate, with Alexander Novak, the country’s energy minister, saying Moscow had the ability to boost production by 500,000 barrels a day, putting the country’s output at a record 11.8 million barrels a day.

OPEC is in chaos: Still, Novak said that Moscow had not ruled out working with OPEC again to stabilize oil markets.

Oil prices had tumbled Sunday night by over 30% to below \$30 per barrel as Saudi Arabia previewed a plan to gain market share from Russia after a three-year production-cut agreement organized by the two powers fell apart on Friday.

Russia decided not to join Saudi Arabia’s call for greater production cuts in response to the coronavirus amid frustration over years of losing market share to U.S. shale producers, sparking criticism from the Trump administration.

“These attempts by state actors to manipulate and shock oil markets reinforce the importance of the role of the United States as a reliable energy supplier to partners and allies around the world,” Energy Department spokeswoman Shaylyn

Hynes said Monday.

Signs of diplomacy: While U.S. producers don't want government handouts, the industry certainly would welcome Trump using diplomacy to calm a possible price war.

The White House confirmed Tuesday that Trump spoke Monday with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman about "global energy market issues."

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin met Monday with the Russian ambassador to Washington and "emphasized the importance of orderly energy markets," according to a statement.

U.S. producers aren't out of the woods yet: API's Sommers acknowledged, "I don't think anyone is making money at \$30 a barrel."

But, he said, "We are focused on long-term fundamentals" that show continued strong demand for oil and gas in future decades.

Sarah Ladislav, director of the Energy Security and Climate Change Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said in a report Monday that bigger oil producers have hedged against low prices and can "weather the storm awhile," but smaller producers don't have the same access to cheap capital anymore and could be "driven out of business" by lower prices.

"The U.S. oil industry will be fine, but individual companies and even communities will be hard hit and are not adequately prepared to deal with an oil bust, especially alongside a burgeoning public health crisis," Ladislav said.

DOE SUSPENDS OIL SALE FROM EMERGENCY SPR: The Energy Department is suspending a planned sale of oil from its emergency stockpile, in a real sign of fallout from the price dive.

"Given current oil markets, this is not the optimal time for the sale," said Energy Department spokeswoman Jess Szymanski.

The postponed sale of 12 million barrels of oil, which had been scheduled for this month, was intended to be part of a regular series of drawdowns required by Congress in a bipartisan budget bill from 2015 as a way to raise revenue for the federal government. But it made no sense given oil markets are already oversaturated.

BERNIE SANDERS'S PLEDGE TO BAN OIL EXPORTS COULD BACKFIRE: As the oil industry grapples with a price war, it could face a major policy threat: Bernie Sanders's pledge to ban oil exports.

Still, it's not clear whether doing so would significantly reduce global carbon emissions, Josh reports in his latest Washington Examiner magazine story.

"To prevent U.S. producers from exporting oil would not solve the global emissions problem," said Antoine Halff, a senior research scholar with the Center on Global Energy Policy at Columbia University. "It would make the economics of U.S. production much more difficult, but it would not reduce the global need for oil. It would just export emissions to other countries."

Experts say the potential emissions-cutting benefit of preventing U.S. crude oil exports is among the least effective policies proposed by Democratic candidates, as compared to those targeting reductions in fossil fuel demand, such as a carbon tax or a zero-carbon electricity mandate.

Paasha Mahdavi, an energy and environmental politics professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, said that cutting off oil exports would reduce U.S. emissions in the short term. Doing so would lower prices for thousands of independent oil producers that would be forced to curtail production.

But it would not decrease emissions over time, he said, because international oil companies would move to produce oil in other countries with less cumbersome regulations to serve continued global demand.

A symbolic declaration of war on fossil fuels: Liberal environmental groups that fought against lifting the crude oil export ban in 2015 have been lobbying Democratic hopefuls to reinstate it, viewing it as a signal to energy investors that the fossil fuel era is ending.

These groups acknowledge that some portion of the lost U.S. production from banning exports would be filled by

increased production elsewhere, but say the replacement is not "one to one," meaning there would be a net carbon benefit to the policy.

"The economics are such that U.S. producers would have less incentive to do the massive extraction they are doing right now," said David Turnbull of Oil Change U.S.

INTERIOR NOT RUSHING ON OFFSHORE DRILLING PLAN: Interior Secretary David Bernhardt reiterated Tuesday that his agency has no immediate plans to issue a proposal to expand offshore oil and gas drilling.

"On my watch, the department has not proposed a draft proposed plan," Bernhardt said at a hearing on his agency's budget before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

"Our plan at this time has no vision of going one way or another. I don't know what the plan will be."

Bernhardt said he would wait for the result of a court ruling that cast doubt over the legality of opening new areas to drilling. He was reiterating comments he made last April when he first indicated the agency plans to wait out a potentially lengthy appeals process over a decision by a federal judge blocking drilling in the Arctic before deciding which parts of federal waters to allow for oil and gas development.

The Trump administration, before the court ruling, had prepared to dramatically expand offshore oil and gas drilling, releasing a five-year plan in January 2018 to open nearly all federal waters on every coast.

HONOLULU VS. BIG OIL: The Hawaii capital is joining the ranks of cities suing major oil companies to get them to pay for damages caused by climate change.

The lawsuit, filed Monday, accuses several major oil companies — including ExxonMobil, BP, Chevron, and Royal Dutch Shell — of being "directly responsible for a substantial portion of the climate crisis-related impacts" the city is experiencing. The city also accuses the oil majors of deliberately working to "misinform and confuse the public" about their contribution to climate change.

"But for such campaigns, climate crisis impacts in the City would have been substantially mitigated or eliminated altogether," the lawsuit reads.

More than a dozen other cities are suing Big Oil: Those lawsuits are pending in state courts across the country. Oil companies have attempted to move those cases to federal court, but judges for the most part have rejected those requests, including denying such a request just last week for a similar climate change case in Baltimore.

Industry groups are calling the city-led lawsuits a "fringe litigation movement," arguing cities like Honolulu are more interested in picking political fights than curbing climate change.

"The truth is that the best way to fight climate change is to engage with the manufacturing community on the major innovations that will allow us to source and use energy more efficiently, not scapegoat the companies that manufacture the energy we all need and use every day," said Phil Goldberg, special counsel for the Manufacturers' Accountability Project, a project of the National Association of Manufacturers.

BUSINESS GROUP TAPS UTILITY EXEC AS NEW CHAIR: Emily Duncan, director of federal government relations at National Grid, will serve as the Business Council for Sustainable Energy's new chairman, the group announced Tuesday. She replaces Mark Wagner, vice president of government relations for Johnson Controls.

The trade group — which comprises individual company members including utilities and manufacturers and energy trade groups — also added the American Public Gas Association as an associate member. In addition, Jon Sohn, director of U.S. government relations for Capital Power, joined the Council's board, the group said.

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10 a.m. 406 Dirksen. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee holds a nominations hearing for Douglas Benevento to be the EPA's deputy administrator and David Wright and Christopher Hanson to be members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

1:30 p.m. 2359 Rayburn. The House Committee on Appropriations Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies subcommittee holds a hearing entitled "Impact of PFAS Exposure on Servicemembers."

2 p.m. 2362-B Rayburn. The House Committee on Appropriations Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies subcommittee holds a hearing on several pieces of the Energy Department's FY21 budget request, including the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, or ARPA-E.

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Clark Troxler "Skip" Kingery, age 90, died peacefully on March 9, 2020 at home with his family. He was born September 21, 1929 in New Brunswick, NJ to Clark and Blanche Kingery. He graduated from Grinnell College in 1951 with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics. He lettered in Football, Track and Swimming. He led the Midwest Football Conference in yards gained in 1949 and 1950, and won the Midwest Conference Diving Championship in 1950.

In 1951, Clark joined Hercules, Inc. During his 36 year-long career he was: Manager of Air Force Plant 81 in Utah; placed in charge of international plant start-ups in India, Mexico, and Nicaragua; Chief Executive Officer of Dawood-Hercules Chemicals, Inc. in Pakistan; Assistant Director of Operations, overseeing 8 production facilities in the U.S.; Executive Vice President of Haveg Corporation; Director of Information Technology; and Corporate Director of Production Operations for all thirty-seven Hercules plants, worldwide.

Volunteering was an important part of Clark's life. He served on the National Ski Patrol, coached little league football, and helped guide the United Christian Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan. In 1986, Clark became a director of the Boys Club of Wilmington; and served as its President from 1990 to 1994, continuing as a Board member until 2003. During his tenure, the Club became the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and dramatically expanded services for children. Membership was increased from 5 clubs serving 3,200 boys to 26 clubs serving 35,000 boys and girls. In retirement, he spent four years helping triage nurses in the Emergency Department of the Regional Memorial Hospital in Florida.

Clark was an avid golfer and a member of the Wilmington Country Club. He loved boating, and sailed from Martha's Vineyard to Key West, spending many fun hours on the Chesapeake Bay. He lived his life striving always to be honest, direct, productive, cheerful and happy. He was loved and respected by his family, and many friends far and wide.

Clark lost his first wife, Carla Parks Kingery, in 1994 after 42 wonderful years. He is survived by a second amazing wife, Carol Wood Kingery, and his children: Clark C., Carl D. (Patty), David A. (Den), Mary K. Woodward (Mark), eight grandchildren: Russell Kingery (Melissa), Carla A.K. Jarosz (Edward), Rick Kingery (Julie), Skip Kingery (Lauren), Rosemary Leader (Dan), Parks Kingery, Sara Woodward, Joey Woodward, and six great-grandchildren (Ava, Aubrey, Emme, Greyson, Chase and Macie).

Memorial Services will be private. Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware, Inc., 669 South Union Street, Wilmington, DE, 19805.

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Death Notice: Rhoda Ann Barry

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Rhoda Ann Barry passed away in Towson, MD on March 1, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Isaac F. and Bessie Klein (Buchinsky) of Medford, MA, the sister of the late David A. Klein and Aaron Klein, and the wife of the late Benjamin Barry. She is the mother of Steven A. Barry of Montreal, Canada and Shereen R. Zellars of Indianapolis, IN and the Bubbe of Mikaela and Lilah Barry and Ziv and Riva Zellars.

Rhoda graduated from Somerville High School in 1950 and was a proud member of the National Honor Society. She attended Boston University where she was a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma, graduating with a B.S. in Secretarial and Allied Studies in 1954. She worked in Boston as a "sales correspondent" and learned to sail on the Charles River. Rhoda and Benjamin Barry met on a blind date and were married in 1958. They lived first in Medford MA, and then settled in Melrose MA. For more than 20 years, Ben was the owner and registered Pharmacist at Bond Pharmacy (B&R Drug) in Inman Square, Cambridge MA, and Rhoda managed the finances of the business. She was an active member of the League of Women Voters and at Temple Tifereth Israel in Malden, MA. She worked for a time at the Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site as an office manager and was delighted to be allowed to wear a park ranger uniform, complete with hat.

In 1989, Rhoda and Ben moved to Fayetteville, NC where Rhoda was an office manager for the Fayetteville Region Catholic Social Ministries. She also volunteered with the Cape Fear Regional Theatre and the U.S. Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum. She enjoyed travelling far and wide and spending time with her friends and grandchildren. 2008 saw another move, this time to Baltimore, MD where Ben was treated for lung cancer and Rhoda became active at the HopeWell Cancer Support center.

After Ben passed away in 2011, Rhoda became a resident at Edenwald in Towson, MD. During her years there she continued to explore Baltimore, enjoyed theater trips, a memorable day sailing on Chesapeake Bay, and dining out at restaurants where she was always asking for "something different". She was smart, thrifty and fiercely independent. Rhoda loved dogs, kitchen gadgets and frozen pudding ice cream. She was an experienced knitter and lifelong yoga practitioner. She was proud of her "idiosyncrasies" and had many devoted, lifelong friends.

Funeral services were private. Please omit flowers. Contributions in her memory may be sent to HopeWell Cancer Support, P.O. Box 755, Brooklandville, MD 21022.

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A year ago, U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and other Democratic lawmakers unveiled the Green New Deal, the aggressive environmental proposal that sought to utterly overhaul the American economy and get the nation off fossil fuels within a decade.

The proposal eventually amassed 98 House backers — all Democrats — but flamed out in a 57-0 vote in the Senate, where not a single Democratic senator supported it.

Undeterred, Ocasio-Cortez last week offered a bill that would ultimately ban hydraulic fracturing — or fracking — in America by 2025. Unlike a year ago, Rep. Darren Soto, a Kissimmee Democrat, has joined Ocasio-Cortez in this effort.

“We cannot deny the overwhelming scientific consensus any longer,” Soto said in a statement. “Fracking is a threat to our health, safety and environment.”

“If we want to transition from fossil fuel emissions as we work towards building a 100 percent clean economy, pulling back from fracking is a critical first step,” he added. “Failure to act will only make the crisis at hand even more detrimental for future generations of Americans.”

We can understand why fracking concerns many like Soto, for reasons both above and below ground. We have opposed efforts to implement fracking in Florida, even as we appreciate how it has benefited our nation.

Yet a nationwide ban is the wrong way to go, as it is indisputable that fracking has been a net positive for America's energy sector, its customers and for climate change. Thus, we encourage Congress to ignore this proposal.

As Drew Johnson of the right-leaning National Center for Public Policy Research recently noted in an opinion piece, fracking enabled America to become the globe's leading natural gas producer in 2015. Just two years ago, natural gas production was up 60% over two decades ago, and, Johnson noted, “This newfound abundance of natural gas has helped our nation transition away from coal, which emits twice as much carbon dioxide.”

According to him, “U.S. carbon dioxide emissions have hit 30-year lows, even as global emissions have increased by 50% during the same period. And since 2005, natural gas has done more to reduce power sector dioxide emissions than all renewable energy sources combined.”

Per an Associated Press report, the Paris-based International Energy Agency recently announced that global man-made greenhouse gas emissions last year remained at 2018 levels. The biggest drop in carbon dioxide emissions was recorded in the U.S., which was partly attributed to closing coal-fired power plants.

What happens when those plants shut down? The New York Times explained last June: “Since 2005, most power companies have lowered their carbon dioxide emissions significantly, in large part by shifting from coal to (natural) gas.”

A wholesale swap to wind and solar, with a correlating ban on fracking, would devastate America's economy, particularly workers in the fossil fuel industry, and crush utility customers.

A fracking ban sounds great in theory, but the economic consequences of its reality make it too risky an option to let it escape the drawing board.

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Lawsuit targets B. Braun over cancer-causing gas Whitehall man seeks class-action status for up to 24,000 to pay for medical checks

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A man who lives and works near B. Braun Medical's plant in Lehigh County has sued the company over emissions of a cancer-causing chemical used to sterilize medical equipment.

Adam Akarsoy of Whitehall Township is the lead plaintiff in a proposed class-action lawsuit on behalf of up to 24,000 people in areas identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as having an elevated lifetime cancer risk because of the plant's emissions of ethylene oxide.

B. Braun, a German medical device maker with U.S. headquarters in Bethlehem and a plant in Hanover Township, is identified as the nation's 12th-largest emitter of ethylene oxide, according to the EPA's cancer-causing pollution data. Ethylene oxide is linked to breast and blood cancers and other illnesses.

The plant's emissions were largely unknown until The Morning Call highlighted the EPA's concern in a July 21 article. The story cited EPA data showing the cancer risk from ethylene oxide was 200 times as high as the state average.

Although B. Braun broke no laws with its releases of ethylene oxide, in November the company submitted plans to the state to reduce emissions of the gas by 99%.

The lawsuit alleges those living and working near the B. Braun plant face some of the highest long-term cancer risks in the United States, as a result of the emissions.

"These individuals have been unknowingly inhaling ethylene oxide on a routine and continuous basis for decades. Now they are at an increased risk of developing a variety of cancers, reproductive issues, birth defects and other life-altering health effects from their exposure to ethylene oxide," the lawsuit claims.

B. Braun said the lawsuit is without merit and that it will mount a vigorous defense to protect its reputation.

It noted that the emissions from the plant are significantly less than those allowed under a permit issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Emissions have declined and will continue to do so as it voluntarily makes additional improvements, the company said.

B. Braun also said Pennsylvania Cancer Registry data shows the rate of actual cancer cases is comparable to elsewhere in the state for the five cancer types the EPA linked to ethylene oxide exposure.

The lawsuit was filed on Akarsoy's behalf by the Chicago law firm Edelson. There was no response to a message left for lawyers on the case. Edelson has a website offering free consultations for Allentown and Bethlehem residents. The suit doesn't say where Akarsoy works, except that it is on the same street as the B. Braun plant, Marcon Boulevard. It also doesn't give his home address, except that it is within two miles of the plant.

Ethylene oxide is a colorless flammable gas used in sterilizing medical equipment around the United States. The equipment is placed in a chamber and the air is pumped out and ethylene oxide is pumped in and left for several hours. After the process is complete, the gas is pumped out of the chamber.

At the Hanover Township plant, the gas is emitted into the air and carried by the wind to areas surrounding the facility, the suit says. It alleges B. Braun knew or should have known that ethylene oxide is dangerous.

The suit states that the dangerous properties of ethylene oxide have been known for decades.

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health recognized the gas could increase the number of genetic mutations in humans in 1977. In 1981, NIOSH classified it as a potential cause of cancer for people who work with the substance.

After epidemiological studies of people who worked with ethylene oxide in the 1990s, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services labeled it a known human carcinogen in 2000.

From 2008-15, B. Braun's emissions increased from about 1,900 pounds to 7,600 pounds, according to EPA data. Since 2015, its emissions decreased each year to 4,660 pounds in 2018, according to the company and the EPA.

The proposed class-action lawsuit says the emissions have been significant enough to put those living and working near the plant at increased risk for illness. For that reason, it is reasonably necessary for those people to undergo regular medical examinations to detect the early onset of cancer, the suit alleges.

The suit says Akarsoy and others in the potential class of plaintiffs are seeking damages to pay for that medical monitoring.

Class-action lawsuits must be approved by a judge, and court rules require that the proposed lawsuits satisfy a number of conditions. It defines the potential plaintiffs as anyone who has lived for more than one year in the census tracts identified as having an increased lifetime cancer risk since the B. Braun plant started emitting ethylene oxide.

The exact number of people who might be included is not known, the suit says, but it could be as large as 24,000 based on the most recent U.S. census, the suit claims. Arguing that a judge should allow the case to continue as a class-action, the suit says there are too many people potentially affected to sue individually, their claims are all similar and Akarsoy's situation makes him a suitable lead plaintiff.

Ethylene oxide pollution has raised cancer risks for more than half a million people across the country, according to a Chicago Tribune analysis of EPA data.

The risks weren't widely known until political leaders and community advocates in Illinois raised alarms about the EPA's 2018 cancer risk analysis. That led to the temporary closure of a sterilization plant in Willowbrook, Illinois, which reopened last year with drastically reduced emissions.

After The Morning Call's report last year, U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., and U.S. Rep Susan Wild, D-7th District, called on B. Braun and regulators to review the situation at the Hanover Township plant.

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Lynn puts \$200 million sewer project out to bid

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LYNN — Construction is expected to begin on a \$200 million sewer separation project this summer, which is aimed at alleviating flooding in West Lynn and the downtown.

Fifteen miles of new piping will be constructed between those two areas, which are prone to heavy flooding during major rain events.

The Lynn Water & Sewer Commission (LWSC) is soliciting bids from contractors for Phase 1 of the 13-year combined sewers outflow (CSO) project, which will consist of about two years of construction at an estimated cost of \$15.5 million.

The first phase of the sewer replacement work will begin in June or July and cover a portion of West Lynn, according to Daniel O'Neill, LWSC executive director.

In addition to flood relief, the planned CSO project will separate sewer and rainwater systems, protecting the oceans and other bodies of water from improper discharge.

However, O'Neill said West Lynn won't see much relief from the first phase of construction until a \$20 million pump station is built at McManus Field. The facility, which will manage up to 114 million gallons of stormwater a day, is the second phase of the project.

"(That) will take place after this construction," said O'Neill. "The water has nowhere to go until the pump station is built. The additional piping system will provide additional storage in the system, but it will be discharging into the same sewer system that it has been for 100 years because there's nowhere for the water to go right now."

O'Neill said the Phase 1 construction will begin at Centre and Federal streets, continue through Market Square and down South Street, with a portion of Summer Street included. New piping will be built from Neptune Street, Neptune

Street Court, and South Street Place, to Lowell Street, which discharges into the Bennett Street line, he said.

Three sets of new piping, ranging from 12 inches to 42 inches, eight to 18 inches, and eight to 16 inches, will be constructed, O'Neill said.

The CSO project was a federal requirement for the LWSC, which is being financed by the State Revolving Fund Loan Program offered by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

The city is incurring about 20-30 years of debt for the project, which would be through a 2 percent interest loan. As the city provides the payments, it would get the funds from the state program, which would be used to pay the contractor, O'Neill said.

The Phase 1 contract would increase the city's debt service by more than \$500,000 each year over a 30-year period, which is comparable to taking on an additional mortgage, O'Neill said.

"We signed a consent decree and we're doing the projects in the consent decree," said O'Neill.

The project is intended to bring the city in compliance with the Massachusetts Clean Water Act and parts of a 2001 consent decree filed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which called for cleaning up West Lynn and the downtown.

The LWSC was first sued by the EPA in 1976 for discharging sewage mixed with stormwater into the ocean or other bodies of water. In 2017, the agency filed a consent decree, which ordered the city to pay a \$125,000 civil penalty for violating the Clean Water Act and failing to comply with a previous decree.

There are four main overflow areas in the city: Summer Street at the GE field, which flows into the Saugus River; King's Beach in East Lynn at the Lynn/Swampscott line; Market Street; and Broad Street, which both discharge into Lynn Harbor.

Lynn has already spent \$90 million to comply with other parts of the 2001 decree, which included the construction of 100,000 feet of new piping to clean up King's Beach and stop sewage from flowing into the ocean.

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Officials discuss MS4 at local roundtable

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Federal, state and local officials for the first time gathered to take on the challenge that is MS4 (Municipal Storm Sewer System), a mandated stormwater management program that is hitting Franklin County municipalities hard in the pocketbooks.

The closed-door meeting was held at the Franklin County Area Development Corp. office in Chambersburg drew officials from six municipalities and the county planning department. Local officials in attendance were from Antrim, Greene, Guilford and Washington townships and Chambersburg and Greencastle boroughs.

The meeting was aimed at attacking the impact of stormwater management regulations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency administered through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

The mandate has proven costly and has some local officials calling for relief and more plausible answers.

Friday's roundtable, which included EPA and DEP representatives, was facilitated by U.S. Rep. John Joyce, a Republican whose district includes Franklin County. He said the MS4 regulations are negatively impacting communities and he wanted the agencies to see how stringent these regulations are and how they are financially impacting the

municipal budgets.

"It was a great meeting," Joyce said in a phone interview after the session. "We didn't ask anyone to hold back, but we wanted to find some common-sense solutions.

"I wanted the people from the EPA and the DEP to hear how hard this is for our local communities. And there were some significant resolutions brought forward."

Most notably, Joyce said EPA has offered to conduct workshops with DEP.

"EPA wants to sit down with DEP," Joyce said.

"These two different government environmental agencies can work with the township supervisors and borough representatives to see how they can join together to find solutions ... whether that is working together and finding solutions as a common unit, whether that is working together asking for waivers to some of these incredibly burdensome regulations that have come out of MS4."

Joyce said it was important to bring all players to the table and find common ground, especially because the MS4 regulations disproportionately hurt smaller communities.

"It continues to be a priority for EPA to help our partners advance their plans to improve local water quality throughout Pennsylvania," EPA Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio said in a news release.

"We are pleased to work with our local, state and federal stakeholders on stormwater management issues that will benefit public health and the environment."

Joyce said Servidio opened the door for local cooperation in meeting the requirements as a way to lower costs.

"There was a spirit of collaboration and we left with an action plan," said Joyce. "EPA has a plan to work with them. I wanted to bring that impact back home to Franklin County."

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I have been perusing Facebook lately and have noticed a rising trend. Seems you Red Hat Folks are getting ready to start killing off us Democrats seeing how we want to limit assault rifles. I would like to point out that killing us with semi-automatic military style weapons could be dangerous to your Republican neighbors. Once you let all that hate out, your trigger finger might become uncontrollable and you might accidentally kill some of your good Republican neighbors rather than us evil Democrats since we are intermingled in a lot of places.

When I was in the Army in Germany in 1970, we switched from M-14's to M-16's and those babies on full auto spray bullets all over the place. Of course you could kill us off with bolt action hunting rifles without killing your buddies, but where is the fun in that? I would like to propose a solution to this dilemma.

Your stable genius of a president is planning to reduce health care and social security to help reduce the deficit his tax break for his rich golf buddies will cause after his reelection and after working underground mining for over 20 years, my lungs are pretty bad. If I get the flu I am going to be in deep trouble and if your Make America Great Again guy and his lackeys in the Senate take away my benefits, I am going to end up homeless and dying in the street. Not a good way to go, therefore I will offer myself up to you all for target practice for doing away with us progressives.

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Opinion: Commentary: 2020 Virginia General Assembly: 39 Surovell Bills Passed

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The 2020 General Assembly finished work on all legislation this past Sunday, except we did not pass a final state budget or elect new judges to fill vacancies. We will return to Richmond on Thursday, March 13, to complete that work and adjourn for this year.

This was my most successful session in passing bills in my eleven years in the General Assembly. The legislature sent 39 of my bills to Governor Ralph Northam. We carried over nine bills and referred them to study commissions. The legislature also carried over my legislation to abolish the death penalty to be potentially considered over the summer.

I will highlight some of the other major bills we passed and discuss more bills and the budget in future columns.

I carried a bill with Norfolk Delegate Jay Jones to authorize Virginia to join 20 other states that allow community net metering for electricity. This bill, which passed both chambers with large bipartisan majorities, opens the door to solar energy for Virginians who live in communities with heavy tree cover, apartments, condominiums or for businesses that do not own their roofs. It will enable them to purchase solar power and net the energy against their home meters, while reducing carbon-generated energy usage and purchasing a share of the energy generated by a solar project.

Both bodies sent my bill banning hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" for natural gas east of Interstate 95 to Governor Northam for signature. Both chambers also finalized my legislation requiring each state agency to designate an energy manager and energy reduction goals to help coordinate a reduction in energy usage by state agencies. Thank you to my constituent Elizabeth Beardsley with the Green Buildings Council for the concept.

The House also passed my bill to authorize the State Corporation Commission to approve 2,700 megawatts of energy storage, enough to power 2.7 million homes. As we transition to a clean energy economy, we must also develop technology for night-time storage of energy generated during the day. This requires significant advances in energy storage. My legislation is a first step.

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Ore. leader bypasses assembly on climate

SALEM, Ore. - In an end run around Republican legislators, Gov. Kate Brown, D-Ore., ordered the state on Tuesday to lower greenhouse gas emissions, directing a state agency to set and enforce caps on pollution from industry and transportation fuels.

Brown's sweeping executive order, one of the boldest in the nation, aims to reduce carbon emissions to at least 45% below 1990 levels by 2035 and an 80% reduction from 1990 levels by 2050.

Republicans lawmakers, a minority in the Legislature, walked out during this year's short session to sabotage a bill that aimed at many of the same climate goals. The boycott caused the session to end two days early on Friday, with only three bills passed and more than 100 dying, including the climate measure.

CBP officer charged with drug smuggling

A Customs and Border Protection officer smuggled more than a dozen bricks of cocaine, weighing 40 pounds, from the U.S. Virgin Islands into the mainland United States after he was allowed to bypass security because of his job, prosecutors said Tuesday.

The scheme was foiled after Ivan Van Beverhoudt's flight arrived in Atlanta and a police dog sniffed out the drugs in his carry-on luggage on Jan. 10, officials said in a news release.

Beverhoudt, 40, of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, was recently arraigned on multiple charges, including intending to distribute cocaine and having a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking. He pleaded not guilty.

Retrieving bodies was arduous, general says

Details of the effort to recover the remains of two elite Marine Raiders killed in Iraq came into better focus Tuesday, with a top U.S. general saying that unforgiving mountain terrain and concern for the safety of other U.S. service members dragged the mission out for more than six hours.

Marine Gen. Kenneth "Frank" McKenzie, the chief of U.S. Central Command, told the House Armed Services Committee

that commanders monitored the operation on Sunday hour by hour and did everything they could in a challenging environment. Four other Americans were wounded in the operation.

The Marine Corps identified the fallen Americans on Tuesday as Capt. Moises A. Navas of Germantown, Md., and Gunnery Sgt. Diego D. Pongo of Simi Valley, Calif.

Dutch say Russians are obstructing jet probes

AMSTERDAM - A Dutch prosecutor said Tuesday that there are "strong indications" Russia wants to undermine investigations into the downing of Malaysia Flight 17 and told judges at the trial of four suspects that many witnesses fear for their safety.

Prosecutor Thijs Berger made the statement on the second day of the trial of three Russians and a Ukrainian charged with murder in the deaths of all 298 passengers and crew when a missile shot down the flight on July 17, 2014. The suspects weren't present.

Prosecutors allege that a Russian Buk missile shot down the flight from a farm field in a region of eastern Ukraine controlled by pro-Moscow rebel forces. Russia denies any involvement in the downing.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ISSUES RULE: MICROORGANISMS; GENERAL EXEMPTIONS FROM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; REVISIONS TO RECIPIENT ORGANISMS ELIGIBLE FOR TIER I AND TIER II EXEMPTIONS

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US Fed News

WASHINGTON, March 11 -- Environmental Protection Agency has issued a rule called: Microorganisms; General Exemptions From Reporting Requirements; Revisions to Recipient Organisms Eligible for Tier I and Tier II Exemptions.

The rule was published in the Federal Register on March 10 by Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

Summary: EPA is issuing a final rule to add *Trichoderma reesei* (T. reesei) strain QM6a and its derivatives and *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* (B. amyloliquefaciens) subspecies (subsp.) *amyloliquefaciens* to the list of recipient microorganisms that may be used to qualify for the Tier I and Tier II exemptions from full notification and reporting procedures under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for new microorganisms that are being manufactured for introduction into commerce. EPA received petitions to add T. reesei and B. amyloliquefaciens to the list of microorganisms eligible for the exemption from full notification and reporting procedures under the TSCA for new microorganisms. Based on EPA's evaluation of these petitions, EPA has made the determination that certain strains of both microorganisms will not present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment when used as a recipient microorganism provided that certain criteria for the introduced genetic material and the physical containment conditions are met.

For more information, contact For technical information contact: Rebecca Edelstein, Chemical Control Division (7405M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: 202/564-1667; email address: edelstein.rebecca@epa.gov

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ISSUES PROPOSED RULE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRELIMINARY REGULATORY DETERMINATIONS FOR CONTAMINANTS ON THE FOURTH DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANT CANDIDATE LIST

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US Fed News

WASHINGTON, March 11 -- Environmental Protection Agency has issued a proposed rule called: Announcement of Preliminary Regulatory Determinations for Contaminants on the Fourth Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List.

The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on March 10 by Andrew R. Wheeler, Administrator.

Summary: The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended in 1996, requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to make regulatory determinations every five years on at least five unregulated contaminants. A regulatory determination is a decision about whether or not to begin the process to propose and promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation (NPDWR) for an unregulated contaminant. A preliminary regulatory determination lays out and takes comment on EPA's view about whether certain unregulated contaminants meet three statutory criteria. After EPA considers public comment, EPA makes a final determination. The unregulated contaminants included in a regulatory determination are chosen from the Contaminant Candidate List (CCL), which the SDWA requires the EPA to publish every five years. The EPA published the fourth CCL (CCL 4) in the Federal Register on November 17, 2016. This document presents the preliminary regulatory determinations and supporting rationale for the following eight of the 109 contaminants listed on CCL 4: Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), 1, 1-dichloroethane, acetochlor, methyl bromide (bromomethane), metolachlor, nitrobenzene, and Royal Demolition eXplosive (RDX). The Agency is making preliminary determinations to regulate two contaminants (i.e, PFOS and PFOA) and to not regulate six contaminants (i.e, 1, 1-dichloroethane, acetochlor, methyl bromide, metolachlor, nitrobenzene, and RDX). The EPA seeks comment on these preliminary determinations. The EPA is also presenting an update on three other CCL 4 contaminants (strontium, 1, 4-dioxane, and 1, 2, 3-trichloropropane).

For more information, contact Richard Weisman, Standards and Risk Management Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, MC: 4607M, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; telephone number: 202/564-2822; email address: weisman.richard@epa.gov

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SAB REITERATES CRITICISM OF INADEQUATE SCIENCE FOR RULE DEFINING WOTUS

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Environmental Policy Alert

Posted March 2, 2020

EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) is reiterating its criticism of a rule the agency crafted with the Army Corps of Engineers defining waters of the United States (WOTUS) by saying it fails to incorporate current science, although the board dropped language from a draft commentary expressing disappointment with the agency's legal approach.

"The Board concluded that the proposed WOTUS rule does not incorporate best available science and as such we find that a scientific basis for the proposed Rule, and its consistency with the objectives of the Clean Water Act, is lacking," the Feb. 27 final commentary says.

The commentary could potentially bolster groups aiming to pursue legal challenges over the WOTUS rule with the claim that the agencies lacked the scientific basis for the policy that they issued.

SAB adds that it "finds that the proposed revised definition of WOTUS . . . decreases protection for our Nation's waters and does not provide a scientific basis in support of its consistency with the [CWA's overall] objective of restoring and maintaining 'the chemical, physical and biological integrity' of these waters."

SAB notes that EPA and the Corps finalized the rule after the board had finalized its commentary, though before it was transmitted to the agency.

The final commentary, signed by SAB Chairman Michael Honeycutt, an official with the Texas Council on Environmental Quality, notes that four SAB members indicated that they did not concur with the commentary. These members are Bob Blanz, Donald van der Vaart, Richard Williams, and Stanley Young, with van der Vaart, a former North Carolina regulator now with the John Locke Foundation, filing his own commentary.

A draft version of the board's commentary expressed disappointment that EPA and the Corps "have decided that the CWA and subsequent case law precludes full incorporation of the scientific aspects of EPA's 2015 Connectivity Report into the proposed Rule" and more broadly suggested new legislation is needed to update the CWA to reflect scientific discoveries since the law was enacted in 1972.

But the final commentary focuses solely on scientific concerns, following a January conference call where SAB members struggled to reach consensus on the WOTUS issue.

Specifically, the final commentary says current scientific understanding of the connectivity of surface and groundwater, which has been reviewed by the SAB previously, is not reflected in the proposed WOTUS rule, which excludes groundwater, ephemeral streams, and wetlands that connect to navigable waters below the surface.

"The proposed Rule does not present new science to support this definition, thus the SAB finds that the proposed Rule lacks a scientific justification, while potentially introducing new risks to human and environmental health." Dissenting Commentary

Van der Vaart, in a one-page commentary, says he cannot concur with the final SAB memorandum on the proposed WOTUS rule, saying the CWA's phrase that the law's purpose is "to restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the Nation's waters" is used to direct research grants and is used as a goal for section 300 in developing water quality standards.

But the phrase is not used elsewhere in the CWA, "including that which is being amended by this rule. Reliance on that language for this rule is therefore not appropriate as such reliance would swallow up the entire Act," van der Vaart says.

The Obama administration's 2015 rule sought to expand the WOTUS definition without congressional input, but fortunately, EPA has the benefit of multiple Supreme Court decisions in correcting the definition, van der Vaart says. "What those decisions say is that the waters, and lands surrounding waters, that should be included as WOTUS is not a scientific inquiry unbounded by those constitutional restraints," he says.

This does not mean that the SAB cannot comment on what additional waters and land areas should be considered by states as they consider if additional regulation is needed under state law, nor that it cannot "opine on statutory changes Congress could consider that would authorize the kind of regulatory expansion the majority seems inclined to pursue although these changes must still recognize the limitations imposed by our Constitution on the federal government," he says. — Lara Beaven (lbeaven@iwpnews.com)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ISSUES NOTICE: CERTAIN NEW CHEMICALS; RECEIPT AND STATUS INFORMATION FOR JANUARY 2020

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US Fed News

WASHINGTON, March 11 -- Environmental Protection Agency has issued a notice called: Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for January 2020.

The notice was published in the Federal Register on March 10 by Pamela Myrick, Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

Summary: EPA is required under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to make information publicly available and to publish information in the Federal Register pertaining to submissions under TSCA, including notice of receipt of a Premanufacture notice (PMN), Significant New Use Notice (SNUN) or Microbial Commercial Activity Notice (MCAN), including an amended notice or test information; an exemption application (Biotech exemption); an application for a test marketing exemption (TME), both pending and/or concluded; a notice of commencement (NOC) of manufacture (including import) for new chemical substances; and a periodic status report on new chemical substances that are currently under EPA review or have recently concluded review. This document covers the period from 01/01/2020 to 01/31/2020.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ISSUES RULE: AIR PLAN APPROVAL; AL; 2010 1-HOUR SO 03/11/2020

US Fed News

WASHINGTON, March 11 -- Environmental Protection Agency has issued a rule called: Air Plan Approval; AL; 2010 1-Hour SO.

The rule was published in the Federal Register on March 10 by Mary S. Walker, Regional Administrator, Region 4.

Summary: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving Alabama's August 20, 2018, State Implementation Plan (SIP) submission pertaining to the "good neighbor" provision of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) for the 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The good neighbor provision requires each state's implementation plan to address the interstate transport of air pollution in amounts that contribute significantly to nonattainment, or interfere with maintenance, of a NAAQS in any other state. In this action, EPA has determined that Alabama will not contribute significantly to nonattainment or interfere with maintenance of the 2010 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS in any other state. Therefore, EPA is approving the August 20, 2018, SIP revision as meeting the requirements of the good neighbor provision for the 2010 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS.

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AMIDST UTILITY CONCERN, EPA FACES CALLS FOR PFAS BIOSOLIDS STANDARD 03/11/2020

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As rural and other water utilities increasingly worry that farmers will be unable to land-apply biosolids because of concerns about per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination, they and their supporters are pressing EPA to craft a safety standard and take other steps under the Clean Water Act (CWA) that will ameliorate their concerns.

At a March 4 hearing before the House appropriations subcommittee overseeing EPA, Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME) pressed EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler to develop CWA PFAS standards for biosolids and effluent from wastewater treatment plants. The lawmaker's request is drawing praise from rural water utilities that say the current lack of federal standards is prompting states to prohibit land application of biosolids.

"Right now there are no EPA standards for concentrations of PFAS in biosolids, and land application can lead to contamination in land and crops and water if it's used on agricultural land," Pingree said.

"What is EPA doing at this moment in time to understand PFAS in biosolids?" she asked Wheeler, citing the case of a Maine dairy farmer who is unable to sell his milk containing high PFAS levels that may be tied to his years of land applying biosolids.

Wheeler said the agency in concert with the Agriculture Department is looking at a range of PFAS issues affecting the agricultural community, including biosolids, noting EPA is preparing to distribute nearly \$5 million in new research grants

specifically targeted to agriculture.

EPA's website says the grants will be targeted to research on PFAS occurrence, fate, and transport in water sources used by rural communities and agricultural operations and new or improved PFAS treatment methods appropriate for small drinking water and wastewater systems including influents, effluents, and biosolids/residuals.

"We are doing research across the entire spectrum" of PFAS concerns in various media, "and part of that research . . . is looking at the agricultural issues, including the biosolids," Wheeler said.

"Great. That's helpful. And I hope we're moving fast," Pingree said.

But she continued to press for more action, saying that although EPA's plan to designate two of the most studied PFAS - perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) -- as hazardous substances under the Superfund law is welcome, it is not enough.

"Once PFAS compounds are designated as hazardous substances under the Superfund, unless we also prevent industrial discharges of PFAS under the Clean Water Act, we haven't really solved the problem," Pingree said. "So when can we expect the EPA to list PFAS as toxic chemicals and develop pretreatment standards under section 307 of the Clean Water Act?"

Wheeler did not provide a detailed answer about CWA standards and instead noted the PFAS work that the agency is doing under other statutes.

EPA's PFAS Action Plan calls for designating PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under the Superfund law, and Wheeler said the agency is working on a proposed designation "that we're talking to our federal partners about before we enter into formal interagency review. We're also looking at the different aspects under the Clean Water Act."

Additionally, Wheeler said, the agency has proposed a regulatory determination that would require the agency to set a drinking water standard for PFOA and PFOS, and it has been "taking enforcement actions around the country." EPA has taken 12 enforcement actions and worked with states and local governments on another 24 enforcement actions, he said.

"So, where we find it in the environment, we're aggressively going after it and making sure it gets cleaned up. We're not just sitting back waiting to find it. We're actually out there trying to find it," Wheeler said.

"We've taken data on where the chemicals have been produced, also the data on where they're used, and we overlay that using GIS mapping on the water tables and go out to communities and tell them, 'You may have an issue or problem. You ought to test'" to see if there is contamination, he said.

Pingree responded, "I just hope we can stay in touch about when those standards will be implemented because this is a serious issue." While there are two known instances of PFAS contamination affecting agriculture -- the one in Maine that may be tied to biosolids use and one in New Mexico linked to PFAS contamination from a nearby Air Force base -- there are likely more cases that are currently unknown, she said. Land Application Bans

A rural water utility source says the colloquy between Pingree and Wheeler is helpful in drawing attention to the need for an EPA PFAS biosolids standard.

Even non-binding guidance from EPA on PFAS in biosolids, similar to the current non-binding drinking water health advisory for PFOA and PFOS, would be helpful, the source says.

In the current vacuum of information, some states and localities are moving to ban land application of biosolids over PFAS contamination concerns. This can increase disposal costs for wastewater treatment plants, especially in rural areas where alternatives may be limited to trucking the biosolids to a hazardous waste landfill, the source says.

For example, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, prompted by the Maine dairy case, revised its solid waste management rules to include screening concentrations for three PFAS in biosolids: 0.0025 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) for PFOA, 0.0052 mg/kg for PFOS and 1.9 mg/kg for perfluorobutane sulfonate (PFBS).

Maine requires all sludge/biosolids program licensees and composting facilities to test their material for PFOA, PFOS and PFBS. If the screening levels are exceeded, sludge/biosolids and sludge/biosolids-derived compost or products may not be land applied.

The rural water source says wastewater facilities in other states are also dealing with biosolids land disposal bans due to PFAS concerns.

Much remains unknown about both the levels of PFAS in biosolids and their fate and transport when land applied, although the Water Research Foundation has two ongoing research projects examining the role of organic matter quality on PFAS leaching from sewage sludge and biosolids, and assessing PFAS release from finished biosolids.

The rural water source says one informal study, not related to the ongoing projects, that tested wells near fields where biosolids were land applied yielded surprising results. There were no PFAS detected in wells that were expected to have some detections but other wells where PFAS was unexpected did have detections.

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), which represents publicly owned treatment works (POTWs), and the Water Environment Federation (WEF), which represents water quality professionals, have previously argued that typical biosolids with no direct large industrial inputs are unlikely to impact ground and surface waters at levels above EPA's existing health advisories of 70 parts per trillion for PFOA and PFOS.

NACWA and WEF have opposed a Superfund hazardous substances designation for PFAS due to concerns it could create liability for POTWs that had been land applying their biosolids for decades, although some legal experts maintain such a designation would have little impact.

James Slaughter, an attorney with Beveridge & Diamond who has extensive expertise in biosolids issues, has said biosolids have long had trace amounts of chemicals that are Superfund hazardous substances and declaring PFAS as hazardous substances won't likely trigger new liability. The amount of PFAS in biosolids "is low and continuing to get lower," he said. PFAS Standard 'Politics'

Meanwhile, Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN), chair of the appropriations panel's Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Subcommittee that oversees EPA, pressed Wheeler on the agency's plans to set drinking water standards for PFOA and PFOS, saying her constituents are concerned "that politics won't be out of the standard."

"They want me to tell them exactly who and how the PFAS standards are going to be reviewed in a transparent way that gives them total confidence that industry isn't involved in setting the standard," McCollum said, asking Wheeler how he can ensure the science is looking at the most vulnerable populations.

Wheeler said the EPA is doing a lot of research, and that the research is "very open." The agency is looking at the analytical methods to identify the presence of the chemicals in the water; looking at understanding the human health and ecological effects of the chemicals; looking at the source, fate, transport and exposure of the chemicals; and looking at the remediation technologies, he said.

"There's a lot we have to research on the PFOS, PFOA. We're making all of that available to the public," Wheeler said. -- Lara Beaven (lbeaven@iwpnews.com)

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EPA SCIENCE RULE 'SUPPLEMENTAL' SEEKS FEEDBACK ON AUTHORITY FOR POLICY

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EPA on March 3 issued a proposed supplement to its controversial proposed rule limiting the science the agency can use in rulemakings, clarifying that it intends the policy to apply to "influential scientific information" as well as significant regulatory decisions, and also seeking fresh input on which statutory authority to rely on for the proposal.

"These additions and clarifications to the proposed rule will ensure that the science supporting the agency's decisions is transparent and available for independent validation while still maintaining protection of confidential and personally identifiable information," said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler in a statement.

The supplemental proposal is not a new rulemaking but instead aims to provide "clarification" on certain aspects of a 2018 version of the science rule proposed by former agency chief Scott Pruitt that generally bars EPA from using scientific studies in rulemakings whose underlying data is not publicly available.

It will be subject to a 30-day public comment period following its publication in the Federal Register.

Wheeler said, "I am committed to ensuring that the science underlying EPA's actions is of the highest quality. When finalized, the science transparency rule will ensure that all pivotal studies underpinning significant regulatory actions at the EPA, regardless of their source, are available for transparent review by qualified scientists."

But critics counter that the supplemental proposal is as harmful as the 2018 version, and that both will unlawfully restrict use of scientific studies for rulemaking to those with publicly available underlying data.

The supplemental proposal not only applies the policy to significant regulatory decisions but also influential scientific information; defines and clarifies that it applies to data and models underlying "pivotal" science and regulatory science; "proposes a modified approach to the availability provisions for data and models that would underly influential scientific information and significant regulatory decisions, as well as an alternate approach;" and clarifies the ability of the administrator to grant exemptions to the rule, according to an EPA press release.

EPA is also taking comment "on whether to use its housekeeping authority independently or in conjunction with appropriate environmental statutory provisions as authority for taking this action."

The latter provision was expected following a leaked version of the supplemental that EPA sent for White House pre-publication review on Nov. 12 that said EPA was proposing to use the Federal Housekeeping Statute "as sole authority for taking this action."

In the supplemental rulemaking, the agency touts its authority for the rule citing section 301 of the housekeeping law that says "[t]he head of an Executive department or military department may prescribe regulations for the government of his department, the conduct of its employees, the distribution and performance of its business, and the custody, use, and preservation of its records, papers, and property."

The rule text says, "Courts have considered EPA to be an agency with section 301 housekeeping authority. . . . As indicated by the case law and the [Office of Legal Counsel (OLC)] Opinion, it has long been recognized that EPA has been granted full section 301 or equivalent authority. Therefore, EPA has ample authority to promulgate regulations that govern internal agency procedures."

The OLC opinion refers to a May 2008 finding that a July 1970 administration reorganization plan that created EPA "convey[s] to the [EPA] Administrator all of the housekeeping authority available to other department heads under section 301" and demonstrates that "Congress has vested the Administrator with the authority to run EPA, to exercise its functions, and to issue regulations incidental to the performance of those functions."

But environmental groups and other critics of the rule are likely to file adverse comments on the agency's authority for the policy and other issues, and are expected to sue if EPA finalizes it.

The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) is among those who have signaled it will almost certainly sue if the agency ultimately finalizes the rule with similar content to the leaked draft, arguing that the measure is arbitrary. "There's no scientific reason or public interest to restricting the science that EPA can consider in this way -- it will just make the laws that protect public health and the environment nearly impossible to carry out," UCS said. -- Anthony Lacey (alacey@iwpnews.com)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ISSUES RULE: AIR PLAN APPROVAL; MASSACHUSETTS; INFRASTRUCTURE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2015 OZONE STANDARD

03/11/2020
US Fed News

WASHINGTON, March 11 -- Environmental Protection Agency has issued a rule called: Air Plan Approval; Massachusetts; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the 2015 Ozone Standard.

The rule was published in the Federal Register on March 10 by Dennis Deziel, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1.

Summary: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision

submitted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Except as noted, this revision satisfies the infrastructure requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The infrastructure requirements are designed to ensure that the structural components of each state's air quality management program are adequate to meet the state's responsibilities under the CAA. We are issuing a finding of failure to submit pertaining to the various aspects of infrastructure SIPs relating to the prevention of significant deterioration (PSD). The Commonwealth has long been subject to a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) regarding PSD, thus the finding of failure to submit will result in no sanctions or further FIP requirements. We do not in this action address CAA 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) requirements regarding interstate transport, because we previously approved the Commonwealth's submittal addressing these requirements for the 2015 ozone standard (January 31, 2020). This action is being taken in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

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The full text of the rule can be found at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2020-03-10/html/2020-03203.htm> For any query with respect to this article or any other content requirement, please contact Editor at contentservices@htlive.com

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Arlington to bulk up tree preservation efforts with HQ2 on the way

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It's not just housing affordability and increased traffic Arlington County officials are concerned about in the wake of Amazon.com Inc.'s (NASDAQ: AMZN) arrival.

They're also watching out for the trees.

County officials are proposing to add one urban forester position to the Department of Parks and Recreation. The new hire is needed to expand tree preservation efforts and work through the surge of site plans developers are pitching in the area of Amazon's HQ2.

Protecting the trees isn't just a matter of preserving the beauty of nature: the benefits they provide - stormwater management, pollution and carbon removal - don't come cheap. The cost of replacing each of the 755,000 trees inside the county with a similar tree is estimated at \$1.38 billion, according to the department's proposed fiscal year 2021 budget.

Along with the county's tree preservation efforts, the department's current urban forester workforce is also tasked with making sure that site plans are compliant with the Chesapeake Bay Ordinance, which is designed to protect streams, vegetation and the Bay from pollution caused by development.

"We've had a 45% increase in plan reviews from fiscal year 2016 to 2019," Jane Rudolph, parks and recreation director, told the county board during Wednesday's budget work session. "We have seen this number increase in the current fiscal year and anticipate more going forward."

Specifically, the number of site plan proposals is expected to grow by 25% to 30% over the next three years, per the department's proposed budget.

Amazon's two-tower Metropolitan Park project, in Pentagon City, is now under construction and expected to deliver in 2023. It doesn't look like Amazon will need to remove any trees as part of that work, but the company is expanding the existing park by a little more than half an acre. Exactly how many trees will be planted as a result of that is still unclear. The park's design will be developed through a master planning process and executed by New York's James Corner Field Operations. Amazon's renderings suggest that there could be as many as 57 street trees surrounding the first two towers.

If funding for the additional employee is approved, Arlington would have four urban foresters on staff. The new job would pay \$125,000 a year, but cost the county about \$188,000 in the first year.

For the current fiscal 2020, the county board approved adding two planner positions to parks and recreation "to support Amazon and ancillary development," with a combined salary of about \$250,000, the budget proposal notes.

Also in 2020, the board added three positions - engineering program coordinator, a permit coordinator and a design engineer - to the Department of Environmental Services, totaling about \$400,000 in salary, to specifically deal with anticipated demand related the Amazon effect on the development pipeline.

Developers like JBG Smith Properties (NYSE: JBGS), Amazon's HQ2 landlord and development partner, have numerous projects, including 1900 Crystal Drive and towers at 2525 Crystal Drive and 2001 S. Bell St., in various stages of site plan review. Other projects, including JBG Smith's proposed expansion of its RiverHouse apartments and

Brookfield Properties' planned overhaul of the Transportation Security Administration's headquarters in Pentagon City, are likely to be put on hold as Arlington studies the HQ2-area's capacity for new development.

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ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE SUBCOMMITTEE ANNOUNCES MARKUP OF CFATS AND HFCS LEGISLATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C., March 10 -- The House Energy & Commerce Committee issued the following news release:

Energy and Commerce Chairman Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ) and Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee Chairman Paul Tonko (D-NY) announced today that the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee will hold a markup on Thursday, March 12, at 9 a.m. in the John D. Dingell Room, 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The Subcommittee will mark up H.R. 6160, a bill to extend the Chemical Facility Antiterrorism Standards (CFATS) Program, and H.R. 5544, the American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act, which would phase down the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).

"More than 134 million Americans live in vulnerability zones around our nation's chemical facilities, putting them at risk from terrorism, intentional acts and extreme weather impacts. The Chemical Facility Antiterrorism Standards, which provide important protections to these communities, will expire next month unless we act," said Pallone and Tonko. "Likewise, our bipartisan legislation ensuring an orderly phase down of HFCs is a win for Americans: it creates manufacturing jobs and positions American companies to lead a global transition away from these powerful greenhouse gases to climate-friendlier technologies. There is broad consensus among industry and environmental groups alike that Congress should enact this common-sense legislation, and we look forward to moving it."

The Subcommittee will consider the following bills:

H.R. 6160, a bill to extend the Chemical Facility Antiterrorism Standards Program, introduced by Homeland Security Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Innovation Chairman Cedric Richmond (D-LA), Pallone and Tonko, would extend the authorization for the CFATS Program for 18 months.

H.R. 5544, the American Innovation and Manufacturing Leadership Act, introduced in the House by Tonko and Reps. Pete Olson (R-TX), Scott Peters (D-CA) and Elise Stefanik (R-NY), would phase down the production and consumption of HFCs by 85 percent over 15 years. The legislation directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement an allowance allocation and trading program to do so, and to establish standards governing the management of HFCs used as refrigerants, including to recover and reclaim used HFCs. It further authorizes EPA to establish schedules for specific sectors to transition to next-generation technologies.

Information for this markup, including the Committee Memorandum, electronic copies of the legislation and any amendments, and a link to the live webcast will be posted [HERE \(https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/markups/markup-of-hr-6160-and-hr-5544-subcommittee-on-environment-and-climate\)](https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/markups/markup-of-hr-6160-and-hr-5544-subcommittee-on-environment-and-climate) as they become available. For any query with respect to this article or any other content requirement, please contact Editor at contentservices@htlive.com

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